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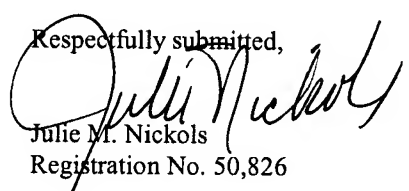
REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE PRIOR ART

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Dear Sir,

Applicant respectfully calls the Examiner's attention to the fact that this application has been identified as a division of application No. 09/923,891 (now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,949,105), which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/783,560 (abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/783,910 (abandoned). Pursuant to M.P.E.P §2001.06(b), the Examiner will consider the prior art cited in the earlier applications and indicate whether the prior art has been reviewed. Applicant assumes that this analysis has been completed, however, the Notice of Allowability omits such an indication. Applicant respectfully requests a communication from the Examiner indicating that the prior art submitted in the earlier related applications has been considered.

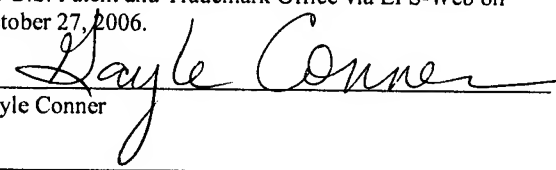
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